

N. Blenheim, Schoharie Co. N. Y.

Thursday, Jan 3^d 1889

D. M. Fox, Es.

My Dear Sir,

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It was the expectation to have the coin of the year 1888, and I infer from your letter herewith inclosed, that that was your intention also, because under date of Dec. 26 1888, you say that you send "a silver half-dollar of this year"

The reason for no other date than that of 1888, is that I have a daughter (Mrs. John T. Otte, M. D.) a missionary of the Reformed Dutch Church at Amoy, China. Her son, my first grandchild, was born at Amoy in 1888; and the coin is intended partly for present infantile use, and partly as a subsequent relic.

Will you have the kindness to select a silver half-dollar stamped 1888 - have a hole drilled in same place and of same size as in this returned coin, and mail in registered letter to address below. If you cannot have the hole made, then please send it to me without the drilling.

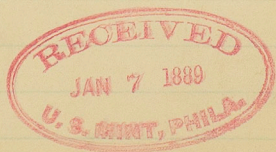
Please let me know the amount of depreciation on the coin herein returned, and I will forward it in stamps.

I inclose twelve cents in stamps for registering letter etc. Regretting the necessity of troubling you with so small a matter, I am

Yours sincerely
Philip Phelps

P. S. Please address
Rev. Philip Phelps
North Blenheim,
Scholarie Co.
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